PM's new package for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

877. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of financial assistance package programmes to the Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that a new PM's package programme has been announced for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, by when the package programme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Punjab has obtained debt relief and Jammu and Kashmir is getting Special Plan Assistance and other financial assistance from Centre. There is no new package programme announced for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of monitoring system for central projects

878. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taking cognizance of the fact that a number of Center and State sponsored schemes were not implemented in time or allocated funds diverted for other purposes, the Planning Commission has introduced a system to monitor and measure the quarterly performance of projects;

(b) whether it was found that the Government was unable to monitor and control schemes to ensure their timely implementation; and

(c) if so, what are the details of this system and the accountability for its success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, A system of Quarterly Performance Review (QPR) meetings has been introduced in the Planning Commission with a view to ensuring timely and effective implementation of approved projects/programmes/schemes (Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored